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(57) Abstract: Use in the incontinence of one or more of the following classes of drugs selected from the following: B) salified and non salified nitric oxide-donor drugs, of formula:  $A - X_1 - N(O)_2$ , B') nitrate salts of drugs used for the incontinence, and which do not contain in the molecule a nitric oxide donor group; C) organic or inorganic salts of compounds inhibiting phosphodiesterases.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-11  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
The present claims 1-11 concern subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 39.1(iv) PCT and have therefore not been searched.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 12-15 (all of them partially)  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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As a result of the prior review under R. 40.2(e) PCT,  
no additional fees are to be refunded.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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- ☒ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claim : 12; 14 and 15 (partially)

Nitrate salts of drugs used for the incontinence and which do not contain in the molecule a nitric oxide donor group, formulations containing them and their use as a medicament.

2. Claim : 13; 14 and 15 (partially)

Organic or inorganic salts of compounds inhibiting phosphodiesterases, formulations containing them and their use as a medicament.

3. Claim : 14 (partially)

Formulations containing nitric oxide donor drugs, salified and non salified of formula  $A-X1-N(O)_z$  as defined in claim 1 of the present application.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 12-15 (all of them partially)

Present claims 12-15, as far as they depend on claims 1 and 6, relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds or formulations. The term "drugs used for the incontinence" used in claim 1 encompasses an unlimited group of compounds, which is permanently changing, so that a complete search is impossible. In fact, the claims contain so many options that a lack of conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises. The same reasoning applies *mutatis mutandis* for the functional terms used in claim 6 for the groups B'1-B'9 and B'11 and in claim 1 for group C. Consequently, the search of claims 12-15 has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be concise, namely for the concrete compounds mentioned in claims 6 (group B'10), 7 and 8.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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